

(a) A grant recipient will be eligible if it receives the minimum score as described in paragraph (b)(4) of this section.

(b) A nongrant recipient will be eligible if it is an entity eligible to receive a grant, which for the purposes of this section means:

(1) At least 75 percent of persons who are receiving supportive services or supportive housing from the entity are veterans who may be included in computation of the amount of aid payable from VA;

(2) The supportive services or supportive housing program for which per diem payments is requested was established after November 10, 1992;

(3) The entity is a public or nonprofit private entity; and

(4) The entity score at least 500 cumulative points on the following sections of the Grant/Per Diem application: Quality (1); Targeting (2); Ability (3); Description of Need (4); and Coordination with Other Programs (8). These sections correspond to the selection criteria of § 17.711(c) of this part.

(c) For grant recipients, only those programs that provide supportive services or supportive housing (or the portions thereof) created with grant funds will be considered for per diem assistance. For nongrant recipients, only those portions of the supportive services or supportive housing described in the application will be considered for per diem assistance.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 7721, note)

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**§ 17.717 Request for recognition of eligibility.**

(a) Requests for recognition of eligibility may be addressed to the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Programs, Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group (116E), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420.

(b) For nongrant recipients, the receipt of application for per diem will constitute the request for recognition of eligibility. Grant recipients seeking per diem assistance will indicate this request on the application. Grant recipients are not required to complete a separate application for per diem as-

sistance. VA will review those portions of the grant application that pertain to per diem. Those entities already receiving a grant must submit a request for recognition to initiate the scoring of their application for per diem payments.

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**§ 17.718 Approval of annexes and new facilities.**

Separate applications for recognition must be filed for any annex, branch, enlargement, expansion, or relocation of the site of service provision of an eligible entity's facility which is not on the same or contiguous grounds on which the parent facility is located. When an eligible entity establishes sites which have not been inspected and approved by VA, a request for separate approval of such sites must be made. The prohibitions in § 17.720 of this part are also applicable to applications for aid on behalf of any veterans cared for in a new annex, branch or enlarged, expanded or relocated facility.

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**§ 17.719 Amount of aid payable.**

The per diem amount payable for supportive housing is the current VA State Home Program per diem rate for domiciliary care as set forth in 38 U.S.C. 1741. The per diem amount payable for supportive services, not provided in conjunction with supportive housing, is \$1.10 for each half-hour during which supportive services are provided, up to \$17.60 per day. These rates will be paid provided, however, the per diem amount for supportive housing or supportive services (not provided in conjunction with supportive housing) does not exceed one-half of the cost to the per diem recipient of providing the services. Also, provided further, per diem payment of supportive housing and supportive services may be lessened because of budget restriction as described in § 17.715(d)(3) of this part. Per diem payments may not be paid for a veteran for both supportive housing and supportive services (not in conjunction with supportive housing).